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Holdings in the literature of biomedical and related sciences include: 315,000 monographs, 310,000 bound journal volumes, 285,000 theses, 168,000 pamphlets, 4,500 reels of microfilm, and 60,000 portraits and illustrations. About 18,000 serial titles are received each year.

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2 HOURS OF PUBLIC SERVICE*

MAIN READING ROOM				
Monday through Friday8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.				
Saturday8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.				
Sunday2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.				
Summer Hours				
Monday through Saturday8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.				
SundayClosed				
HISTORY OF MEDICINE				
Monday through Saturday8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.				
BUILDING TOURS				
Monday through Friday at 3:00 p.m. For special arrangements, call 49-66308 or write to the office of the Assistant to the Director.				

* The Library is closed on National Holidays.

View of Main Reading Room





Bethesda, Maryland

Contract awarded June 1959. Building occupied April 1962.	
Construction contract awarded atElevator contract awarded at Stack contract awarded at	94,988
Contract cost*	4.007.005

^{*} Does not include cost of furniture, general equipment, art work, or landscaping.



Area _____ 231,855 Cost per sq. ft. _____ \$20.01 Volume ____ 3,187,476 Cost per cu. ft. ____ 1.45

Book capacity: 1,162,000 volumes

Catalog drawers: 4550 @ 1000 cards

Seating capacity: 200 readers (excl. of staff areas)

Number of staff positions: 397 (auth. 1967)



6 Overall dimensions: 276' 4" x 192' 10"

Modular column spacing: 21' 0" x 21' 1"

Floor to ceiling heights: C Level—8' 6"; B Level—8' 6";

A Level-9' 0":

First Floor—9' 9" and 14' 0";

Mezzanine-9' 8"

Structural frame: Reinforced concrete—below grade; Steel—above grade

Exterior walls: Indiana Limestone, granite and marble trim

Interior walls: Painted cinder block, plaster, wood panelling,

plastic wall covering in various locations



Floors: Vinyl-asbestos in stack areas rubber in special public areas oak and walnut in History of Medicine Reading Room terrazzo in lobby ceramic tile in toilet rooms

Ceilings: Mineral acoustic tile in general except in stack areas

Stacks: Metal bracket type stacks, 10" shelves

Illumination: Fluorescent

mercury vapor in Public Catalog area



Air conditioning: Entire building—low and high velocity system; zone controlled, fully automatic summer-winter, day-night control; 24-hour system in History of Medicine

Heating: Low pressure steam

Elevators: Oildraulic

Entrance panel: Swenson Green

Cornice and base: Mount Airy Granite

Panels at windows: Imperial Danby Marble

Lobby walls: Granox Golden Buff Marble

Columns in Public Catalog Room: Cliffdale and Imperial Danby Marble

Columns in Main Reading Room—Maryland Verde Antique & Cliffdale Marble

Walls in Public Catalog Room—Walnut

Walls in Main Reading Room—Red Birch

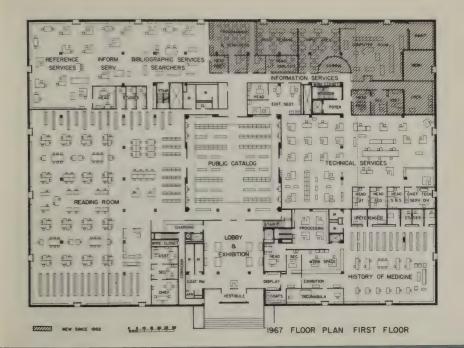
Walls in History of Medicine Reading Room—Butternut

Ceiling in Main and History of Medicine Reading Rooms-

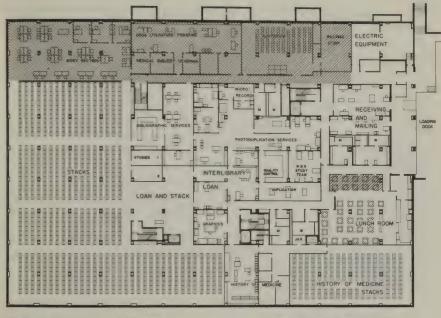
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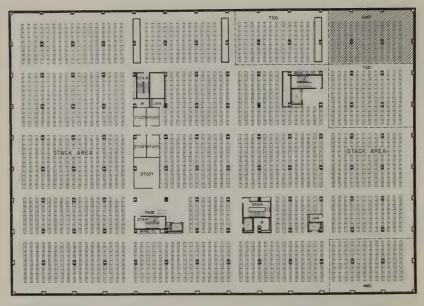


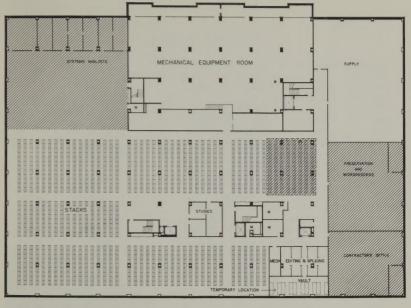
Architects: O'CONNOR and KILHAM; Project Manager, R. M. BEDER Consultants: KEYES D. METCALF, Library Consultant SEVERUD-ELSTAD-KRUEGER, Associates, Structural Engineers JAMES MONGITORE Associates, Mechanical Engineers BOLT, BERANEK, and NEWMAN, INC., Acoustical Consultants TERESA KILHAM, Color Consultant JEANNETTE MINTURN, Landscape Architect Artists: C. PAUL JENNEWEIN FRANS WILDENHAIN General Contractor: ARTHUR VENNERI COMPANY



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The Library was founded in 1836 as the Library of the Surgeon General's Office, U.S. Army. It was developed as a national resource under Dr. John Shaw Billings, Librarian from 1865-1895. In 1956, it became part of the Public Health Service under legislation introduced by Senators John F. Kennedy and Lister Hill and was officially named the National Library of Medicine.

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